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SUBJECT: GDR OFFICIAL DENIES PLANS FOR EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTY  
MEETING ARE FALLING APART

REF: A. BERLIN 5516 NOTAL B. BERLIN 5579

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. HERMAN AXEN, POLITBUERO MEMBER AND CHAIRMAN OF  
THE GDR WORKING GROUP FOR THE PROPOSED MEETING OF 28  
EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES, DENIED IN AN INTERVIEW  
PRINTED IN "NEUES DEUTSCHLAND" ON MAY 4 THAT PREPARATIONS FOR  
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THIS MEETING HAVE BEEN BROKEN OFF. IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION

POSED BY THE OFFICIAL EAST GERMAN NEWS AGENCY, DNA, AXEN  
STATED THAT "THE WISH IS FATHER TO THE THOUGHT" THAT  
PLANNING FOR THE CONFERENCE HAS CEASED.

2. AS BACKGROUND TO AXEN'S STATEMENT, IT IS  
REPORTED THAT, AS PRESUMPTIVE HOSTS FOR THE  
CONFERENCE, THE GDR DELEGATION HAD THE OPPORTUNITY  
TO TABLE A DRAFT "POLITICAL" PAPER AT THE LAST  
PREPARATORY MEETING IN EAST BERLIN IN EARLY APRIL.  
IT WAS DECIDED AT THAT MEETING, HOWEVER, THAT  
FURTHER WORK ON THE PAPER WAS NEEDED WHICH WOULD GIVE  
EQUAL STATUS TO THE PROPOSALS OF THE ASSOCIATED  
"BROTHER PARTIES". WHILE THE AIM IS TO PRODUCE A  
FINAL DOCUMENT ACCEPTABLE TO ALL THERE IS (ACCORDING  
TO THE ARTICLE) NO INTENTION OF DIRECTING ANY COMMUNIST  
PARTY ON HOW TO CARRY ON ITS OWN BUSINESS, IT IS SAID. END  
UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE:

COMMENT: THE SECONDARY PREPARATORY MEETING IN EARLY  
APRIL STUMBLED (AS HAD THE FIRST PREPARATORY MEETING HERE IN  
FEBRUARY) OVER THE DRAFTING OF A GENERAL PAPER WHICH  
HAS IDEOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF  
CLOSER TIES BETWEEN EASTERN EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES  
AND LIKE-MINDED GROUPS IN WESTERN EUROPE. AXEN'S DENIAL.  
OBVIOUSLY PLANTED TO QUELL RUMORS THAT THE PLANS FOR THE  
CONFERENCE ARE FALLING APART, MAY ONLY FEED SPECULATION THAT  
THE CONFERENCE WILL NOT TAKE PLACE AS SCHEDULED IN  
SEPTEMBER 1975. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.COOPER

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